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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-16, 19, 20, 23, 26-28 and 30-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-16, 19, 20, 23, 26-28, 41-43 and 45 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 33 and 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 30-32, 35-40 and 44 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

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In order to reduce pendency and avoid potential delays, TC 3700 is encouraging FAXING of responses to Office Actions directly into the Group at (703)305-3579. This practice may be used for filing papers which require a fee by applicants who authorize charges to a PTO deposit account. Please identify the examiner and art unit at the top of your cover sheet. Papers submitted via FAX into TC 3700 will be promptly forwarded to the examiner.

1. Claims 1-12, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 29 have been canceled. Claims 30, 31, 33-35, 40 and 44 have been amended for further examination. Claim 45 has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 33 and 34 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shaw (5,512,343).

Shaw discloses in Fig. 1-5, a form comprising: a continuous patch layer (7) made of transparent flexible material (polyolefin film) having a peripheral edges (shown in Fig. 2) extending around the patch layer (7), top surfaces (11), and bottom surface (13); an adhesive layer (27) having opposite top surface (27A) and bottom surface (27B) and a peripheral edge (27C) extending around the adhesive layer (27), wherein the adhesive layer top surface is secured (not directly, however) to the patch layer bottom surface (13) and wherein both edges of the patch and adhesive layer coincide; a form layer (3) having a opposite top surfaces (3A) and bottom surfaces (3B), a peripheral edge (as shown in Fig. 1) extending around the form layer, the form layer peripheral edge being larger than the patch layer peripheral edge (seen in Fig. 1); the form layer top surface (3A) being removably attached to the adhesive layer bottom surface (27B) whereby the patch layer (7) is removably attached to the form layer top surface (3A, as shown in Fig. 5) in a position where a portion (as seen in Fig. 5) is exposed outside the patch layer peripheral edge (D); at least one die cut (37) through the top and bottom surfaces the periphery of the form layer inwardly space form peripheral edges of the adhesive layer and patch layer (as seen in Fig. 5) defining at least one form layer portion (33); and wherein the adhesive layer (27)

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has a greater affinity for the bottom surface of the patch layer (7) than the top surface of the form layer, whereby the patch layer and adhesive layer (27) can be removed from the form layer top surface (3A) with the one form layer portion (33) attached to the adhesive layer bottom surface to form a self-adhesive label (as seen in Fig. 6).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 30-32, 35-40 and 44 are finally objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 13-16, 19, 20, 23, 26-28, 41-43 and 45 are allowed.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: No prior art of record discloses a form with an integrated card comprising a form layer, a patch layer, a die cut through the top and bottom surfaces of the form layer to define a form layer portion, a layer of repositionable adhesive, wherein the patch layer, adhesive layer, and form layer portion together comprise a fold-over card intermediate; and a second die cut in the form layer defining a second form layer portion, wherein the second portion is disposed beneath the second half of the

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patch layer, such that the second form layer portion is secured to the bottom surface of the second half of the patch layer by the adhesive layer and becomes part of the fold-over card intermediate; and including all of the other limitations of the independent claim.

Prior Art References

The prior art references listed in the attached PTO-892, but not used in a rejection of the claims, are cited for (their/its) structure. Dronzek, Jr. et al discloses a similar peelable label.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 13-16, 19, 20, 23, 26-44 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Shaw is now relied upon for disclosing a form having a transparent patch layer, adhesive layer, a form layer and a form layer portion, wherein the patch layer is continuous within the peripheral layer edge with there being no die cuts through the patch layer.

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Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Contact Information

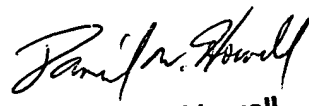
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Henderson whose telephone number is (703)305-0189. The examiner can be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:45 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner supervisor, A. L. Wellington, can be reached on (703) 308-2159. The fax number for TC 3700 is (703)305-3579. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 3700 receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148.



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